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Peepers Cheep; Postmen Weep

The Chatham Post Office was filled recently with the happy cheeping of 30 tiny peepers, who had just arrived from Pennsylvania. They were two days old.

But there was no joy in the faces of the postmen. Ira Shelton, for once in his life, looked gloomy over the chicks' prospects. They seemed doomed.

Postmaster William Batterman explained to the News & Gossip that the chicks were addressed to the wrong rural box number. There was a COD charge of $30 no one would pay. The mailman had brought the chicks back to the post office.

Mr. Batterman explained that under the law no one could feed or water the chicks. He would have to let them die, unless he could sell them at auction before they got too thirsty.

A sign on the post office door announced bids were being accepted. Within a few hours Mr. Batterman had five bids, after each bidder inspected the chicks at the window.

The winning bidder, finally, was Mr. Godfrey Mitchell who got the chicks for $15.50. The chicks originally had been addressed to a Mr. Mitchell who used to live near Godfrey.

Mrs. Godfrey Mitchell told the News & Gossip a few days later that all 30 chicks are doing just fine. She said they perked right up when given water and food.

The postmen all seemed very happy over the outcome of what could have been a dreadful calamity. --CH

Pet Profile

Tracker's Tracks

Tracker, the full-throated black and tan coon dog who lives with the Joseph Bloomers of Hargrave Boulevard, originally came to Chatham to assist the Rescue Squad in finding lost children and old people. Mr. Bloomer used to test Tracker by hiding his daughter Elizabeth and letting Tracker track her down by scent.

But today Tracker is mainly a pet and works very little for the Rescue Squad. Tracker likes to chase people and cars along Hargrave Boulevard, booming loudly and scaring the daylights out of them.

Tracker has fierce eyes, but he usually doesn't bite.

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Will the girl in the blue dress in front of the Methodist Church on June 28th contact the boy in the red Trans Am who honked his horn? You know who I am.

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Does Darrah Burch love Susan Falls? Someday the world may know!

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Wise men wonder if Boom-Boom's flirting will ever cease.

The Nose

What does Wee Willie Winkie have in common with a young mother who lives on South Main Street? The Nose twitches.

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The Nose has it on highest authority that two juveniles have taken control of the stock of Oliver's Grocery Company.

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What stylishly dressed lady lost both of her two-inch heels at church and proceeded through the service in flats? The Nose knows whose shoes.

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The Nose was blown to hear that a Little League patron, sweltering through a hot game between the Twins and the Cardinals, removed his peg leg during the game and set it on top of the bleachers. One young matron commented: "He sure has a leg up on everything."

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The Nose knows something strange has come over a certain house on Military Drive.

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In North Chatham, The Nose smells a new red rose.

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Anonymous letter received here from an out-of-state address: "The Nose is a blowhard." Sniffle.

Quote of the Issue

Comment from a 12-year-old boy as he observed a certain Chatham lawyer who sports a deep Florida tan to go with his white hair and beard: "He looks like a rich millionaire."

HW –
catch one?
This jerk
stiffed the
people selling
checks!
H.